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Classic Theatre Company

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### **Commonwealth Classic Theatre Company presents its 6<sup>th</sup> year of Free Theatre in the Parks with a timely tale of frugality gone wild: Moliere's *THE MISER***

*Media, PA (June 16, 2010)* – Commonwealth Classic Theatre Company (CCTC) continues its goal to merge artistic excellence and financial and geographic accessibility with our 2010 Free Theatre in the Parks production of Moliere's comic masterpiece, **THE MISER**.

**THE MISER** tells the story of a family pushed to the brink by the father's paranoid and fanatical attachment to his money. Producing Artistic Director, *Mary Ann Baldwin* says, "CCTC continues its mission to present theatre as an 'affordable necessity'. Today, community members search for cultural opportunities that don't break the bank. We thought it would be appropriate and fun to focus our season on the very human issue of 'money' and our relationship with it. We hope, through laughter, our audience will experience some cathartic and comedic perspective on their own relationship with money. **The Miser** will travel to 14 outdoor locations throughout the 5-Counties of the Philadelphia area.

CCTC's *Free Theatre in the Parks* production of Moliere's masterful telling of frugality gone wild, **The Miser**, will be directed by Lantern Theater's Associate Artistic Director and Barrymore Award Nominee (The Hothouse), *Kathryn MacMillan*, and feature Philadelphia favorite, *Charlie DelMarcelle* as the title character, Harpagon. CCTC will offer **free** performances in outdoor public spaces throughout the 5-County area of Philadelphia from July 10<sup>th</sup> through August 1<sup>st</sup> including Philadelphia performances in Love Park, The Piazza in Northern Liberties, McMichael Park in East Falls and suburban communities of Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery counties.



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Says Director, *Kathryn MacMillan*, "I love Moliere-- he's one of my favorite playwrights to direct. *The Miser* is one of those plays that offers lyrical dialogue (even in a prose translation), big characters, and plenty of opportunities for physical comedy...all are blessings for a director.

I couldn't have a better Harpagon. *Charlie DeIMarcelle* is one of the most versatile actors working in Philadelphia-- he has a tremendous ability to transform himself. And yet I don't think Philadelphia has seen him in a role quite like this one-- big, comedic, classical."

Commonwealth Classic *Theatre* Company (CCTC), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, was founded and incorporated in 2005 in the state of Pennsylvania. CCTC is dedicated to the principle that theatre is a vital component of a civil society. It is our mission to present theatrical works from both the classic and contemporary canons that bear witness to the rich variety and commonality of human experience and which enhance our audience's appreciation of theatre as a humanizing art form. Theatre, of all the arts, is uniquely able to offer a magical and ephemeral communal experience – an experience that has been enhancing the quality of communal life for thousands of years. CCTC's first program is dedicated to ensuring this age-old tradition by bringing "*Free Theatre in the Parks*" to public spaces in and around the 5 counties of Philadelphia.

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## Fact Sheet

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Commonwealth Classic *Theatre* Company presents  
*A Free Theatre in the Parks* production of

Moliere's  
***THE MISER***

### PRODUCTION STAFF

Producing Artistic Director: Mary Ann Baldwin  
Director: Kathryn MacMillan  
Production Manager: Timothy Martin  
Stage Manager: Jonathan Welsh  
Set Design: Timothy Martin from William Pollock's original  
Costume Designer: Natalia De la Torre  
Technical Director: Craig Getting  
Assistant Production Manager: Stephen Domboski

### CAST

Douglas Atkins: Jacques  
\*Joshua L. Browns: LaFleche  
\*Charles Delmarcelle: Harpagon  
Rachel Joffred: Elise  
Leonard Kelly: Simon/Anselm  
Felicia Leicht: Frosine  
Matthew Lorenz: Valere  
Jackie Read: Marianne  
Eric Scotolati: Cleante

\*Member of Actors' Equity Association

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<b>WHEN</b>	<b>WHERE:</b>	
Sat. July 10 - 7pm	Schuylkill Center	Philadelphia County
Sun. July 11 - 7pm	Love Park	Philadelphia County
Wed. July 14 – 7:30pm	Anderson Farm Park, Upper Providence	Montgomery County
Thu. July 15 - 7pm	Everhart Park, West Chester	Chester County
Fri. July 16 - 7pm	Brookhaven Municipal Park (rain location provided)	Delaware County
Sat. July 17 - 7pm Sun July 18 7pm	West Goshen Community Park Rain Date West Goshen	Chester County
Tue. July 20 - 7pm	McMichael Park, East Falls (rain location provided)	Philadelphia County
Wed. July 21 - 7:30pm	White’s Road Park, Lansdale	Montgomery County
Thu. July 22 - 7pm	Abington Arts Center (rain location provided)	Montgomery County
Fri. July 23 - 7pm	Whitemarsh Township	Montgomery County
Sat. July 24 - 7pm	West Pikeland Township (rain location provided)	Chester County
Sun July 25 7pm	Rain Date Lansdale	Montgomery County
Tue July 27	Rain Date Everhart Park	Chester County
Wed July 28	20 <sup>th</sup> Century Club Lawn Lansdowne, PA	Delaware County
Thu July 29 7pm Fri July 30 7pm	The Piazza – Northern Liberties Rain Date - Piazza	Philadelphia County
Sat July 31 7pm	Rain Date – Whitemarsh Township	Montgomery County
Sun August 1 7pm	Northampton Community Park, Richboro (Rain location provided)	Bucks County

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